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## Prizes for Essays.

The Kentucky Educational Association will hold its annual session in Louisville on April 30, May 1, 2 and 3, 1913. Special attention will be given to the qualifications, powers and duties of sub-district trustees. In order to encourage a large attendance of trustees at this meeting, Mr. John B. McFerren of Louisville has offered the following prizes, all essays limited to 500 words or less:

1. A prize of \$50.00 in gold to the county having the largest attendance of trustees and members of city and graded school Boards of Education.

2. A prize of \$25.00 in gold for the best essay written by a sub-district trustee on the subject "Duties of a Subdistrict Trustee."

3. A prize of \$25.00 in gold for the best essay written by a country superintendent or teacher on the subject "Duties of a Subdistrict Trustee."

4. A prize of \$25.00 in gold for the best essay written by anyone on the subject "Qualifications of a Subdistrict Trustee and how to get Him".

## Married in California.

Mrs. J. W. Ham, was married Wednesday, January 29th, at Ræcubur, California, to Mr. Frank Kelly, of that place. The bride is a sister to Mrs. C. Shimfessel, and after her visit here a few weeks ago left for California.

Representative Thomas has introduced a bill in Congress to appropriate \$2,000.00 for a monument to Lester Bryant, the 16-year-old champion corn grower of Kentucky, who lost his life by asphyxiation in a Washington hotel, where he was the guest of the Department of Agriculture.

## January Records.

For the month of January according to records kept at Lexington the normal mean temperature was 43 degrees or an excess of 8.6 above the normal. It was the warmest January since 1899 and the second warmest since 1871. There were only five clear days during the month; eight were partly cloudy and eighteen were cloudy. It rained or snowed twenty of the thirty days. The total rainfall for the month was 10.55 inches, showing an excess of 6.62 inches over the normal precipitation. The records show that the rainfall for January was a record breaker. The greatest precipitation for any single day of the month was on the 11th when it amounted to 3.50 inches.

## Ground Hog Day.

Sunday was ground hog day and we are to have that six weeks more winter weather. There is some diversity of opinion as to what time of the day Mr. ground hog comes out, but this time it makes no difference, for it shined at all hours of the day. Prepare now for the ground hog winter. It will not expire until March 16th, just one week before Easter. Of course this winter has to expire before Easter, as winter is always supposed to end with Easter Sunday.

## L. & E. Improvements at Lexington.

The L. & E. will build a track from Montrose, the first station this side of Lexington, to the L. & N. road just out of that city on its line to Paris. This is made necessary to avoid congestion of traffic in the center of the city. It is claimed that no less than one train for every hour in the day will enter Lexington from over the L. & E. when traffic gets at best in the Spring.

## Pension Agencies Abolished.

All of the branch pension agencies have been closed and the business henceforth will be conducted from the main office at Washington. The Louisville branch was opened eighty-two years ago and was one of the oldest in the country. Major A. T. Wood, of Mt. Sterling, was in charge and had held that position for nine years. Mr. Wood is a veteran of the Civil War and is a grand old gentleman. He is well-known in this county, where he used to frequently practice law. During the existence of the office more than \$120,000,000 have been handled there. Major Wood has supervised the payment of \$38,000,000 during his term of office.

## Income Tax Now Constitutional.

Direct taxes upon the incomes of citizens of the United States, whether derived from idle capital or from the conduct of business, were made constitutionally possible by the ratification of the Sixteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, Delaware, Wyoming and New Mexico, indorsing the Income Tax Amendment through their respective Legislatures, completed a list of thirty-eight States that have approved it, ten more than the three-fourths necessary for its final adoption.

## New Road Proposed.

A petition was filed with the County Court Monday asking for the appointment of viewers for a proposed new road between this city and Stanton. The request was granted and Dr. Johnson, J. E. Burgher and A. T. Knox, the latter a surveyor were appointed viewers for such road. The object is to get a better grade. The present road is so hilly it seems impossible to ever so improve it as to make travel over it what it should be.

## Death of Mrs. Conlee.

Mrs. Lina Conlee, wife of Thos Conlee, of near Stanton, died January 20th, after a lingering illness. Burial in the Stanton cemetery. Mrs. Conlee is survived by her husband and several children—all grown. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their irreparable loss.

While handling a 22-calibre flintlock rifle the little son of James Simpkins, of Kendrick's Ridge, Menefee county, let the gun go off, the bullet striking the boy's six-year-old sister, piercing her heart and killing her instantly. The parents are prostrated. The boy is only eight years old and does not realize what he has done.

Received a nice line of Valentines which we will be pleased to have you call and see before making any purchases. All designs at popular prices.

## Mrs. J. Williams.

Kentucky bankers and merchants, it is stated, and urging President-elect Wilson and Congressmen to revise the currency law coincident with tariff revision at the extra session.

Judge Allie W. Young, in the Breathitt Circuit Court, discharged the petit jury for the term, charging it with discriminating in the verdicts between the rich and the poor.

Mike Wills, of Montgomery county, was here this week buying cattle.

## Death of Dr. White.

Dr. M. B. White, the veterinary surgeon who was located here three months last fall died at Hazel Green Monday from an attack of acute indigestion, aged 72 years. His body was returned to his home at Flemingsburg for burial. He had a severe attack of indigestion while here last fall and but for the timely aid of Dr. Martin would probably have died then. He is survived by a wife and two single daughters.

Dr. White was an Englishman by birth, but had been in America more than 50 years. He was a Civil War veteran. In his brief stay at Clay City he made many friends and was regarded by all who met him as a grand old man.

## Need More Such Citizens.

T. J. Wright of the many prosperous Hardwick's creek farmers was delivering baled hay to one of our merchants yesterday. He also hauled out twenty bushels of seed oats. Mr. Wright has made farming a success by always raising and having feed to sell instead of having it to buy. More such progressive citizens as Mr. Wright and Powell county would soon lift herself from the rut.

## Eight Kentuckians in the Senate.

The advent of Judge Kavanaugh of Arkansas into the United States Senate a few days ago made the total number of native born Kentuckians now serving in the Senate reach eight. This is a distinction that no other State in the Union enjoys. These eight are Senators Paynter, Bradley, Cullom, Fall, Mark, Smith, Kavanaugh, Bristow and Stone.

## To Suppress Lawlessness.

Every effort is being put forth to suppress lawlessness in Breathitt county, and as might be expected in such a crusade, they are hitting the father of disturbance—liquor—the first blow. Judge Allie Young, of Morehead, a holy terror to criminals, has been appointed special judge to go up there and preside over the present term of court. Not only did he charge the grand jury to look first after the dispensers of liquor, but requested it to also see about some of the peace officers who are alleged to have, on former occasions, had too much beverage of the wrong kind, while attempting to enforce the laws.

## Railroad Company to Build Houses.

We learn that the L. & N. R. Co. will soon erect fifty houses on their property where the car shops are to be located, near the mouth of Cow creek, the same to be occupied by employees of the company. Our source of information is not authentic; however, judging by the difficulty experienced in getting houses by railroad men, we presume there is something in the report.—Estellen Tribune.

R. W. Garrett and Son sold to James Eweu, 50 or 60 carrie-snoats at 7½ cts. per-pound, to be delivered about the 1st of March.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services—2nd and 4th Sabbaths of each month. Prayer Meetings, Wednesday evenings. Chas. E. Mann, Pastor.

# Come to Our Store

And let us show you what a nice line of goods we carry. Our stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Clothing, Shoes and etc. is replete with

**Variety, Style and Quality.**

THIS COMBINED WITH OUR

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## CLUB RATES.

For the convenience of our subscribers, we have arranged club rates with the following papers at prices below mentioned:

The TIMES and	
Courier-Journal	\$1.00
" Cincinnati Enquirer	1.10
" Louisville Herald	90
" Home and Farm	75
" Island Farmer	1.00
" American Farmer	90
" Southern Agriculturist	75

## Courting the L. & N.

Representative citizens of Lexington have been holding a confab with L. & N. officials trying to get that road to route all traffic from and to Cincinnati South via Lexington using the L. & E. track from Winchester to Lexington. This would give Lexington direct connection with Richmond, Berea, Mt. Vernon, Livingston and other southern Kentucky towns. No doubt the L. & N. told them they would consider it, but of course it was expected that Lexington be right good to them and allow them to first take over the L. & E., which is known by all parties to be in open violation of the law which prohibits parallel lines buying out their competitors. Will this outrage be permitted by the people all along the line of the L. & E.?

The Times frequently sets up an article in type and has it ready to print when later in the week it learns what it has set is not correct. This must then be discarded. It is very often hard to get the straight of anything. Then of course it is just as hard to print the real facts of an item. We always strive to print all the news and at the same time to tell the truth about it, but may occasionally miss it. We will always correct a statement that is made in these columns that later proves to be untrue. If nothing but real truths were vocally circulated, nothing but facts would be printed.

When a sixteen-year-old boy is furnished liquor which makes him drunk and he, in this state of derangement, kills some one, it should be the law to send the boy to the reformatory where he can't get any more liquor, and try the man who sold the boy the liquor, for the killing. The boy may know better, but he has not got the will-power to resist, and this is why we have a law against selling boys liquor. The man who sells the liquor to the boy knows what it will do and should be held responsible for the outcome.

The electric light trust after having gobbled up the Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Paris, Lexington, and other light plants, Monday closed a deal for the Richmond plant. There is something doing yet uncovered and these cities are each anticipating great things, the power house, and etc. The result, in our judgment, will be the erection of a power plant at the mouth of Dix river, and a substantial increase in rates for light and power in each city.

The already high telephone rates in and about Lexington have been raised 25%. Another instance showing what corporations will do. The franchises are always supposed to protect the people's rights, but the corporations seem to always have a way of getting round it some way or other. They will work the council if they fail to get a loop hole fixed when they buy the franchise.

Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas are three States that usually make the corporations "walk the chalk" and for this reason it seems to us they would be ideal states to live in were it not for other serious drawbacks each of them have.

The Madisonian says there is not a murder case to be tried at Richmond at this term of Circuit Court. Richmond and Madison county are under local option control. At the recent session of Circuit Court at Winchester there were several murder cases tried and twelve penitentiary sentences and one death penalty imposed. But Winchester is one of these towns that believes "prohibition doesn't prohibit", and consequently is a wet town.

Governor McCreary who has been listening for a call to him to enter the United States Senatorial race has heard but few rumbling sounds so far. This is no sign that the people of Kentucky do not dearly love their grand old Chief Executive for they do. Most of them, however, feel that the nomination is justly due ex-Governor Beckham and they are going to nominate him, their loyalty to Gov. McCreary, nevertheless.

Ex-Governor Beckham wrote the one-term plank in the Democratic platform at Baltimore last June. Hurrah for Beckham! The Times hopes to see him fill one of these terms in a few more years to come. We believe, however, that the length of the term should have remained but four years.

Ex-Governor Augustus Willson says the income tax should come to the States. We agree once with the Ex-Governor, but go a little further and contend that it should be expended in the construction of good roads in the several states, according to the population of each.

Twelve persons sentenced to the penitentiary were taken from Winchester a few days ago, and one was taken to Eddyville to be electrocuted April 25th. Clark county seems to be furnishing more than its quota of convicts for our penal institutions.

Experts say automobiles are the worst enemies of good roads. Automobiles have done much damage to our "good?" roads and they are bad too.

## ADVANCEMENT

After you obtain money by the daily earning process, it is wise to obtain interest upon it under our interest plan. Lay aside regularly during this year part of your income. Make it productive through a safe interest rate.

Clay City National Bank,  
CLAY CITY, KENTUCKY.

## Citizens Loss in Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals Tuesday reversed three cases in favor of the railroad companies against individuals. In one case \$500 damages were secured for false arrest on an L. & N. train in Knox county. The higher court says the railroad is not responsible for any damages. In another case a woman in Scott county received a judgment for \$8,000 against a traction company for being struck in her buggy. The higher court says the damage was excessive. The other case is from Letcher county in which M. C. Fields, Jr., was awarded \$4,000 for the loss of an eye from a blast of the L. & E. Error in admitting testimony is cause for a new trial, says the higher court.

## Kentucky Appropriations.

In the House bill, which carries about \$22,000,000, Kentucky will be cared for as follows:

Marion, building and site, \$70,000; Murray, site, \$5,000; Hopkinsville, increase in cost of construction, \$20,000 (a total of \$85,000 for the project); Madisonville, site, \$10,000; Elizabethtown, site, \$7,500; Hodgenville, site, \$5,000; Central City, site, \$7,500; Glasgow, building and site, \$60,000; Eminence, site \$8,000; Winchester, increase in construction cost, \$30,000 (a total of \$130,000 of the project); Georgetown, increase in construction cost, \$30,000 (a total of \$90,000 for the project); Shelbyville, building alone, \$50,000; Harrodsburg, site, \$10,000; Ashland, building, \$80,000 (a total of \$100,000 for the project); Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Pikeville, \$5,000 each for sites; Middlesboro, increase in construction

## SPROUT SPRING.

Miss Lella Christopher is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Marion McKinney at Lexington.

J. T. Wright has bought of R. A. Kerby his farm at this place at a private price.

Shelt McKinney sold to H. F. Christopher sixteen yearling cattle average about 500 pounds for \$400.00.

G. W. Pasley gave the young people a social Wednesday night which was highly enjoyed by a number of young people.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard, of Winchester, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Curtis a few days this week.

R. A. Kerby's sale here Saturday was largely attended and the bidding was liberal. Young cattle sold at about seven cents. Milk cows \$40 to \$45; hogs at about 8 to 10 cents per pound; corn in crib at \$2.00 per barrel. Hay and fodder sold very reasonable and was all disposed of in the bulk.

## Appointing More Judges

Before he quits office President Taft expects to send the Senate the nominations of five more Federal Judges. There are 195 Federal Judges in office, and Taft will have appointed 58%, or a total of 114 during his administration, a record unequalled, so far as available documents show.

cost, \$25,000 (a total of \$85,000).

In addition to the Prestonsburg matter, that of Middlesboro also was handled directly between citizens and Mr. Cantrill without the intermediary of the Congressman involved. All the other projects were presented by the various members of the Kentucky delegations.

## Don't fail to attend our great January Clearing Sale.

Twice a year we clean our stocks of everything that is classed as "Season Goods". Twice a year you have an opportunity to buy thoroughly good merchandise at prices much lower than regular figures—and when that opportunity is presented to you at a time when you have 3 months use of these goods, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of this great event.

**MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS,**  
**Clay City, Ky.**

**See This Space Next Week.**

**USE HOPE MILLS FLOUR**



## Baking Day is a Delight

to those who are proud of their bread, cakes and rolls when they are using the Pearl flour. No failure to have deliciously flavored bread that is light and tempting when you use this superlative and popular flour. It is a favorite with everyone who loves good home-made bread and who always get it when they bake bread made from Pearl flour.

Made by J. ANDREW CAIN, Versailles, Ky.

## Plowing Time

Will soon be here and it will pay you to call on or write us for any thing you need in the way of BREECHING, COLLARS, HAMES, TRACE-CHAINS, BRIDLES, CHECK LINES, PADS, Etc. We have a most complete line to select from, and every article we sell is GUARANTEED to give you SATISFACTION or your MONEY will be REFUNDED. We will allow you 10 per cent. of any purchase to cover Railroad Fare.

**SCOTT and LOWRY,**

27 Lexington Avenue, Winchester, Ky.

# THE TIMES.

A HOME-MADE PAPER.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1913

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

A K. of P. Lodge has been organized at Irvine.

From the first dose we must conclude that the ground hog knew his business.

Mrs. Jas. G. Easter, of McRoberts, is visiting relatives in the city and county.

The Swann-Day planing mill started up Friday again. We hope for an indefinite run.

Ike Wiler of Clark county, was here Tuesday receiving tobacco bought by him some time ago.

Reece Horton, of Clark county gathered up a drove of cattle and took them to his farm near Winchester yesterday.

Diphtheria is raging in Mt. Sterling and Montgomery county according to a dispatch from Mt. Sterling. One death to date.

Z. Connor, a prominent Clark county stock dealer, and a former citizen of this county, is very low at Winchester with pneumonia.

J. W. Burgher who sold out and left this county last Spring has moved to Lexington and was in the city Sunday to see some old friends.

Lexington is now blessed with but one telephone exchange, the home phone having last week displaced the Cumberland Bell system.

There will be an oyster supper at the Central Hotel Friday night. Cake and chocolate will also be served. The proceeds will go to a fund now being raised to cover the Presbyterian church.

A two million dollar monument to the memory of Abraham Lincoln will be erected on the north bank of the Potomac river at Washington, a bill to this effect passing both branches of Congress last week.

Leonard Fluty, the sixteen-year-old boy slayer of Merchant T. D. Berryman, in Clark county, recently, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000, and returned to his father's home in Estill county.

Advances in the price of crude oil, now quoted at \$1.82, have given impetus and wider scope to operations in Kentucky petroleum fields.

**Dr. King's New Discovery**  
Soothes irritated throat and lungs, stops chronic and hacking cough, relieves tickling throat, tastes nice. Take no other, once used, always used. Buy it at all dealers.—Adv.

### Six-year Term.

The U. S. Senate has passed the one-term for Presidents bill, and extended the term to six years. This bill will also pass the House, then if ratified by three-fourths of the State Legislatures it will become a law.

### Surprise Your Friends.

For four weeks regularly use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They stimulate the liver, improve digestion, remove blood impurities, pimples and eruptions disappear from your body and you feel better. Begin at once. Buy at all dealers.—Adv.

### Paper Arrives Late.

Because the Estill Tribune of last week didn't reach here until yesterday morning we will not infer that the publication was late within itself, because a friend from Irvine in company with the editor of the Times last Saturday was discussing the items of news and editorials that appeared in the current issue.

### Mothers Can Safely Buy

Dr. King's New Discovery and give it to the little ones when ailing and suffering with colds, coughs, throat or lung troubles, tastes nice, harmless, once used, always used. Mrs. Bruce Crawford, Niagra, Mo., writes: Dr. King's New Discovery changed our boy from a pale weak sick boy to the picture of health. Always helps. Buy it at all dealers.—Adv.

### State Brings Suits.

Suit against former Insurance Commissioner C. W. Bell and his bondsmen, the American Surety Co., for \$20,000 has been instituted by the State at Frankfort. It is alleged the shortage of the Commissioner amounts to this much.

The bonding company has been placed in the hands of a receiver and the State can only recover a small per cent. of what is due the State.

### Are You a Cold Sufferer?

Take Dr. King's New Discovery. The best Cough, Cold, Throat and Lung medicine made. Money refunded if it fails to cure you. Do not hesitate—take it at our risk. First dose helps. J. R. Wells, Floydada, Texas, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery cured my terrible cough and cold. I gained 15 pounds." Buy it at all dealers.—Adv.

### Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers.

Your tax long past due, and which should have been paid by December 1st, 1912 must now be settled or I will proceed to advertise and sell. Feb. 10th I will make out my list of delinquents and submit to the printer at which time further cost accrues. By that time all tax must be paid to avoid such cost and advertisement.

T. C. Hall, S. P. C.

### MARRIAGES.

Mr. Grant Clem and Miss Eliza Cooper, both of the Kimbrell neighborhood, were married at residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Johnson Harris, Wednesday Jan. 29th.

John I. Dunaway and Miss Fannie Belle Duggens, of the same neighborhood, were married on the 28th.

**Deafness Cannot be Cured** by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out, and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Adv.

In the local option case at Lebanon, the Court of Appeals has decided that just so 25 per cent. of the voters in the territory sign the petition it is sufficient, and 25 per cent. of the voters in each precinct does not have to be gotten.

### No Need to Stop Work.

When the doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you. I can't, you say. You know you are weak, run down and failing in health day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent break down and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly and ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at all dealers.—Adv.

The great scarcity of cattle is proclaimed every day, but every few days some one passes through this city with a drove for the Bluegrass regions. Eastern Kentucky is a great cattle country,



### SHIPP'S QUICK-RELIEF LINIMENT.

This is the liniment the people are talking about.

It is the most wonderful remedy for relieving pain I have ever used.—Capt. Anderson Berry, Lexington, Ky.

I used this liniment and the pain and soreness disappeared like magic.—Jailer W. T. Ballenger, Lexington, Ky.

For relieving aches and pains this liniment beats anything I ever saw.—J. H. Letton, Lexington, Ky.

It is the only remedy I have found that has given me any relief since I was paralyzed four years ago.—Mrs. Susan Welborn, Newburg, Ind.

If it fails to relieve any pain in any part of the body in fifteen minutes, ask for your money back.

SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS.

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This school has turned out hundreds of men and women who are successes. It will make a success of you.

#### Write for Catalogue.

### Stop that Ache!

Any ache or pain in any part of the body can be relieved with Shipp's Quick Relief Liniment. \$100 reward is it fails and the purchase price is not refunded. Try it and see. 50c At All Druggists.



and it is surprising to see what good ones sometimes come from further up.

The Fayette National Bank has contracted for the erection

of a fifteen story building on the site of its old home in Lexington.

### Farm For Sale.

200 acres 2½ miles from Clay City on the Mt. Sterling road. Good 5-room house, good garden and orchard, new tobacco barn, stock barn and all other necessary outbuildings; well watered and under good fence. 50 acres cleared land, rest in growing timber. The uncleared land is virgin soil and land that will grow fine tobacco, corn and other crops. Will sell at a bargain on easy payments as I have decided to move West.

Mike King,  
Walterville, Ky.

## When in Need of

## Builder's Hardware,

Cabinet Mntles, Grates, Tiles,

Cooking or Heating Stoves,

Go to or Write

## Grubbs & Benton,

Cor. Main and Broadway,

Winchester, - Ky.

## Cut Prices On Winter Goods.

See This Space Next Week.

Hardwick & Co., Stanton.

## NEW ERA FARMER.

Edited by one who Holds the Plow Handles and Writes from Experience Rather than Hesitation or Theory.

### Lookout For Mice.

Last week we had something to say about mice damaging fruit trees, and since then we have had some more experience with this little ground rodent. Last fall we set out a nice strawberry bed and securely protected it by covering it with hay. After we had finished our paper last week we concluded to go over to the farmstead and look after, among other things, our strawberry bed. When uncovering the bed in a small place we saw the green leaves which gave us great delight. Upon a closer investigation we found that the mice had cut off these leaves and eaten up the roots. They had made roads over the whole bed and destroyed at least nine out of every ten plants. What were left, however, were growing nicely and what would have been a flourishing bed in a few weeks has been cut short through the ravages of the little pesky ground mouse. We knew Spring was the best time to set out strawberries but to avoid the rush in the spring time, set this bed out in the fall, feeling safe with it so well protected. It didn't pay except to teach us and our readers to look out for the ground mice in more ways than one.

### Scarcity of Live Stock.

Annual reports show a great loss of live stock in numbers, but a great gain in value. For instance, there are 1,800,000 fewer cattle than one year ago, but what we have left is worth nearly 150 million dollars more in money. There are five million less hogs, but the remainder is worth three million more in dollars. But this doesn't furnish a satisfactory account for the high cost of living, as it costs no more to butcher and market a high priced brute than a low priced one. Beef and pork should be worth not more than three cents a pound more than several years ago as that is as much as the price has advanced in live stock. Instead of that however, the meat men charge you ten cents more just because he can lay on the farmer, when in fact it is his own greed that causes the steep advance.

There is a movement on foot, according to a report from Washington, to prohibit the killing of veal calves, so as to increase the supply of beef cattle. The New Era Farmer is opposed to it. When cattle decrease in numbers their value increases. Then if the farmer can get more for raising five cattle than for raising eight, why not raise just five? The trouble is with the packers. When cattle go up 1 cent, the packers put up beef 2 cents, when they should not put it up but the one cent. Let the powers that be, and should rule strike where they should, and beef can come away down and cattle go away up yet. The trouble is, the middle man gets more for his profit than the farmer is getting for the growth of his stock.

Seed oats have gone up 5 cents on the bushel the past week. Other seeds are also on the rise. We tell you to order early what you needed.

### City Men vs. Farmer.

Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman in agitating citizens of Louisville and other cities to cultivate their backyards and produce a large part of the garden truck that they now must purchase from the farmers, is an act of injustice to the farmers of his State. The farmers of Kentucky have as their business the production of such things as the city man needs. The city man is able to buy and pay for what the farmer produces, but if he produces it himself the farmer will have a lean market for the stuff he must sell to gain his livelihood. The poor of the city who could be profited the most by growing their own gardens, have no back lot to cultivate; they mostly live in flats, and, are any way, not such good customers of the market gardeners.

It is the duty of the agricultural departments of the State and Union to devise plans to help the farmer rather than to devise plans to demoralize the market for an important branch of his business. The city man knows what his back yard will produce, and can cultivate what part of it he naturally wants to, and that is right, but when it comes to offering premiums for certain fruits and vegetables to be grown in the back yards of the city, when it is known that when this practice is extensively engaged in, it will paralyze the market for such stuff now produced by the farmers, we think it unfair.

### A Profitable Side-Line.

The farm boys should not neglect their opportunity during the winter months, to catch as many fur-bearing animals as possible. Trapping is indeed very profitable, since it requires so small an investment and so little time to look after it. One or two catches a week often bring as much cash as a whole week's steady labor. It is also advantageous to the farmer to have the varmints thinned out. The one that looks well after the side lines as well as the main business is the one that makes a success in any business. Fur skins are very high and this alone should induce our farm boys to open up this important branch line on the old farmstead at this time.

### The Best Thing.

One of our readers says if we want to do the best thing for our county in an agricultural way we should secretly sow a little Johnson grass over the county. Johnson grass you know, is the kind you cannot plow up nor kill out, but it makes fine hay and splendid grazing. It spreads rapidly, a few seed will spread to all parts of the farm if left alone and it makes the land where it grows very rich.

### Save the Manure.

How about that manure pile? Save every bit of it. On the New Era Farmstead the manure is regarded as our profit and the gain on our stock is the sideline. If our farm was not so poor, perhaps we would reverse conditions.

## NOTES from MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Give salt regularly.

Cows should be kept out of the cold.

Rhubarb forcing may begin at any time.

Egg production isn't made with a one-grain diet.

A hen can't lay unless it has an abundance of feed.

The horse is the only animal which every farmer must have.

When you go into town, invest in a good thermometer for the dairy.

Keep the ensilage covered. Frozen ensilage is no advantage to stock.

A good horseman never trots a draft horse, even when he has no load.

Sometimes size in sheep is secured at the expense of activity and vitality.

It is a mistake to feed the pigs sour milk when they are learning to eat.

When at all indisposed, a turkey should be separated from the rest of the flock.

A lamb that is large and strong will stand weaner better, and also winter better.

Hogs are great lovers of warmth and must have it for their most economical growth.

Size, vigor and activity of both cockerels and pullets are essential to good breeding of fowls.

The most beautiful horse is not worth much unless he has good, sound limbs and feet.

Sunshine is life to all animals and all farm buildings should be so planned as to afford it.

Wheat middlings can nearly always be used to advantage in connection with corn in fattening hogs.

One serious fault many of our readers have is leaving farming implements exposed to the weather. This should not be the case. Farm tools cost money and they will rust and rot out in one half the time that they will wear out. Better cut down a good black oak tree left on your place somewhere and make boards and cover a shed to hold ALL of your farm implements and haul them into the dry at once.

Had you ever noticed that all lousy calves are poor calves? Such is not the case with hogs, however, for a fat hog may be lousy, but it is safe to say it has taken more corn to fatten a lousy hog, than one that is not lousy.

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